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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, Applicant submits the following amendment and response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.